

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4773  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020**

**Student-Teacher Ratio**

†4773. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of primary and middle schools where ratio of children is less and teachers are more and vice-versa;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any ratio of students and teachers in schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof as on date;
- (d) whether this ratio is appropriate and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such gaps;
- (e) whether the Central Government coordinates with the State Governments or intervenes on finding any such shortcomings; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to bridge the gap of teacher-student ratio?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a): As per UDISE 2017-18 (Provisional), 72.80% of Government Primary Schools and 68.29% of Government Upper Primary Schools comply with the norms of the provisions of Student Teacher Ratio mentioned in the Right to Education Act, 2009.

(b) to (f): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 in its Schedule lays down Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for both primary and upper primary schools which are 30:1 and 35:1 respectively. Similarly, PTR at secondary level should be 30:1. As per UDISE 2017-18 (provisional), the PTR at national level for primary schools is 23:1, for upper primary schools is 25:1 and for Secondary level is 26:1 which is better than the prescribed norms.

# The recruitment of teachers is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising due to retirement, enhanced students' strength, setting up of new schools, etc.

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The Central Government has launched an Integrated Centrally sponsored Scheme for School Education – Samagra Shiksha, from 2018-19 which subsumes the erstwhile centrally sponsored schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for various interventions such as universal access, quality of education, gender, equity, support for salary of teachers etc. as per prescribed norms. Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments and UTs for additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio as per the prescribed norms for various levels of schooling. The Central Government has been consistently pursuing the matter of expeditious recruitment and redeployment of teachers with the States and UTs at various fora. #

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